

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

October 30, 2007

On September 5, 2000, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Schaap was shot and injured while on routine patrol with his partner, Deputy David Timberlake. The Deputies attempted to stop a Chevrolet van for vehicle code violations when one of the suspects quickly exited the vehicle armed with an assault rifle and began shooting at both deputies. Deputy Schaap was struck in the head and underwent surgery to remove bullet fragments from his brain. Although Deputy Schaap survived the shooting, he is still suffering from significant medical complications. The suspect identified by the Los Angeles Sheriff Department as Emigdio Preciado, fled to Mexico and is still outstanding. Investigators believe the suspect is traveling back and forth between both countries visiting relatives and friends.

On June 21, 2001, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorized a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Suspect Preciado.

On March 13, 2007, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorized an increase in the amount of the reward from \$10,000 to \$50,000, which expired on June 11, 2007. There is a separate motion set before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today to re-establish the \$50,000 reward at the request of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Homicide Bureau.

On Friday, October 19, 2007, the FBI, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department erected a billboard sign offering a reward and requesting information that would lead to the arrest of the suspect Emigdio Preciado, Jr. The billboard included three photos of Suspect Preciado, and is located at Imperial Highway

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and Leffingwell Boulevard in the unincorporated area of South Whittier.

The billboard was erected on Friday, October 19, 2007 and within five days of its unveiling, on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 9:20 a.m., Sgt. John Fredendall of the Norwalk Sheriff Station discovered the billboard was vandalized with graffiti, which obscured the face on each of the three photos and name of the suspect.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors establish a reward in the amount of \$5,000 dollars for the information leading to the arrest of suspect/s for the defacing and vandalism of the Emigdio Preciado, Jr. information/reward billboard.

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